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HOUSE RESOLUTION 328
By Armstrong

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Ms. Jaquetta Brooks on her promotion to Captain of the Knoxville City Fire Department.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to honor those outstanding public servants who have dedicated their lives to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jaquetta Brooks is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated member of the Knoxville City Fire Department, Jaquetta Brooks recently received a much deserved promotion to the esteemed rank of Captain, making her the first female African American Captain of the Knoxville City Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, a 1976 graduate of Fulton High School, Mrs. Brooks earned an Associate's degree in Fashion Design from Knoxville Business College; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Ms. Brooks entered the Knoxville City Fire Department as one of the first four female members on the force; and

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WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary career, Ms. Brooks has earned the unbridled respect of her peers, as she has served as a Firefighter, Senior Firefighter and a Master Firefighter; and

WHEREAS, she has also served the City of Knoxville as the Public Safety Educator for the department, promoting hands-on fire safety programs for children; these extraordinary programs include the Kid Safe program and the Darth Vader Syndrome program; she also contributes her remarkable talents to the Safety City program; and

WHEREAS, an asset to the Knoxville community, Ms. Brooks participates in numerous civic organizations, including serving as a Board Member of the American Red Cross Youth Services Committee; and

WHEREAS, due to her outstanding efforts in the community Ms. Brooks has received numerous commendations, including a Certificate of Merit from the Fair Housing Board; and

WHEREAS, a person of deep conviction, Ms. Brooks is a faithful member of the First A. M. E. Zion Church in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brooks is the loving mother of two sons, Brian Durrell Brooks and Marlon Charles Brooks; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brooks' remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her unwavering reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Jaquetta Brooks is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable neighbor and friend to all; and

WHEREAS, Jaquetta Brooks is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and commend Ms. Jaquetta Brooks on her promotion to Captain of the Knoxville City Fire Department and extol her for her outstanding service to the people of the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.